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Women-made water filters improve community health and generate income

There are 225 families living in Taibuti Village near central Bamyan Province without access to potable water. Most of the inhabitants have been suffering from diseases including diarrhea, kidney disease, and thyroid problems. Sediqa, head of the Afghan Families Development Organization based in Bamyan, decided to train women from the community to make water filters from common materials available in the local area.

Sediqa received a grant from USAID to train 50 women in water-filter production and hygiene awareness. The water filters are sold at the local market to generate income and also given to each participant to use at home. In addition to learning how to produce water filters, the participants also receive training in hygiene and maternal and child health. Using the water filters has led to a substantial decline in common diseases among residents in the village.

The grant is also providing Sediqa with technical support to develop the capacity of her organization. She is planning to launch a similar project in two other villages of the province using existing resources.



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BEFORE Due to contaminated water, people suffered from illnesses like diarrhea, kidney disease, and thyroid problems in Taibti village in central Bamyan Province.



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AFTER People in Taibuti village now have access to clean water and better health thanks to 50 women from the community who are making and selling water filters.